

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2016-9-E**

IN RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's)
Integrated Resource Plan (IRP))
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**PETITION
TO
INTERVENE**

A filing was made in Commission Docket 2016-9-E, on February 26, 2016, by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G"). Petitioner herein is South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, LLC ("SCSBA" or "Petitioner"). This Petition to Intervene is filed pursuant to R. 103-825, of this Commission's Rules and Regulations and other applicable Rules and Regulations of this Commission, and Petitioner seeks permission to intervene and be made a party of record in the above-referenced Docket, with full rights of participation.

1. SCSBA is a Limited Liability Corporation ("LLC"), organized October 21, 2009, pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 33 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and, since that date, remaining in good standing with the South Carolina Secretary of State.

2. SCSBA's principal place of business is currently co-located with that of Southern Current LLC at 1634 Ashley River Road, Charleston, South Carolina, 29407 and SCSBA's mailing address is currently co-located with that of the Hannah Solar Government Services, LLC at 3297 Pacific Street, North Charleston, South Carolina, 29418.

3. SCSBA is organized for the purpose of promoting and advocating public policy positions supportive of solar power generation in South Carolina.

4. SCSBA is a manager-managed LLC whose current managers are the following individuals, all of whom conduct solar energy related business in South Carolina under the company names indicated:

- a. Paul Fleury (Southern Current LLC)
- b. Grant Reeves (TIG Sun Energy I and II, LLC),
- c. Don Zimmerman (Alder Energy Systems, LLC),
- d. Dave McNeil (Hannah Solar Government Services, LLC),
- e. Bret Sowers (Southern Current LLC),
- f. Bryan Pittman (SolBright Renewable Energy, LLC),
- g. Jarrett Branham (SolBright Renewable Energy, LLC), and
- h. Bruce Wood (Sunstore Solar, LLC).

5. SCSBA's more than fifty (50) Trade Members includes solar energy developers, engineering procurement and construction (EPC) contractors, professional service firms, equipment distributors and equipment manufacturers engaged in the business of solar energy generation in South Carolina and across the nation. All of the SCSBA's Board Members' eight companies maintain offices in South Carolina.

6. Therefore, SCSBA's Trade Members are financially impacted by SCE&G's filing, as is outlined in more detail hereinbelow.

7. Specifically, Petitioner's Trade Members plan to conduct, business in SCE&G's assigned territory, including sales to SCE&G's Consumers and Petitioner has a material interest in SCE&G's filing.

8. SCE&G's filing was made pursuant to § 58-37-40, S.C. Code Ann., (1976, as amended). SCE&G's filing is SCE&G's annual update to its Integrated Resource Plan, ("IRP").

9. SCE&G's annual IRP filing outlines potential infrastructure which will be needed to match SCE&G's forecasted electricity requirements.

10. As outlined hereinabove, Petitioner, SCSBA has substantial business interests in South Carolina.

11. Petitioner's position is that SCSBA has a direct and substantial interest in the decision to be made by this Commission in this Docket, concerning this Commission's review of SCE&G's filing in South Carolina and Petitioner's interests cannot be adequately addressed by any other party in this Docket. Petitioner's further position is that Petitioner SCSBA will be impacted by SCE&G's IRP planning, which necessarily influences SCE&G's decision making, concerning demand-side and supply-side resources. Those decisions impact the cost of electricity for South Carolina consumers and therefore affect SCSBA's Trade Members. Therefore, the specifics of SCE&G's IRP are important to the Petitioner from a financial standpoint. Petitioner's further position is that Intervention will aid this Commission, by assisting in the development of a full and fair record to address the important issue raised in this Docket. As shown above, Petitioner has a direct and material interest in SCE&G's filing, and this Commission's review.

12. This Commission contemplated intervention in IRP filings, as stated in this Commission's Order No. 2012-96, and this Petition to Intervene is timely filed.

13. Petitioner, SCSBA has previously received approval for intervention from this Commission on numerous occasions, including in recent Commission Docket No. 2015-362-E, Docket No. 2015-8-E, Docket No. 2016-2-E and Docket No. 2016-1-E.

14. Furthermore, Petitioner's Intervention is consistent with this Commission's long standing policy, "...in encouraging maximum public participation in issues before this Commission, and [Intervention] should be allowed so that a full and complete record... can be developed." (Order No.: 2005-725, in Docket No.: 2005-270-G, dated December 16, 2005).

15. Petitioner should be allowed to intervene in this Docket, with full rights of cross examination, discovery and participation in any Hearing to be scheduled in this Docket.

16. The granting of SCSBA's Petition to Intervene is (i) in the public interest (ii) consistent with the policies of this Commission in encouraging maximum public participation in issues before it and intervention should be allowed so that a full and complete record addressing its views and concerns can be developed and (iii) contemplated in this Commission's Order 2012-96.

17. SCSBA is represented by counsel in this proceeding:

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WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for the following relief:

- (a) That this Petition to Intervene be accepted and that Petitioner be made a party of record;
- (b) That Petitioner be allowed to participate fully in this proceeding and take such positions as it deems advisable; and
- (c) For such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

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